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Report of the 2012 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Conference was held at United Nations Headquarters on 14 November 2012.

2. The Conference was opened by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

B. Attendance

3. The Conference was attended by representatives of the Governments of the following States: Algeria, Bangladesh, Benin, China, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kuwait, Lao Democratic People's Republic, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

4. The representative of the European Union and the representatives of the following organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations and the specialized and related agencies also attended the Conference: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, United Nations Population Fund and World Food Programme.

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C. Election of officers

5. At its meeting on 14 November, the Conference elected by acclamation Raimonda Murmokaitė, Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the United Nations, as President.

D. Documentation

6. The Conference had before it the following documents:

(a) Draft report (A/CONF.209/2012/L.1);

(b) Background note on the World Food Programme.

E. Announcement of pledges

7. The Conference heard the announcement of pledges to the World Food Programme by a number of Governments and took note of the fact that, while several Governments were not in a position to announce their contributions, they proposed to communicate their announcement of such contributions to the Secretary-General as soon as they were in a position to do so after the closure of the Conference.